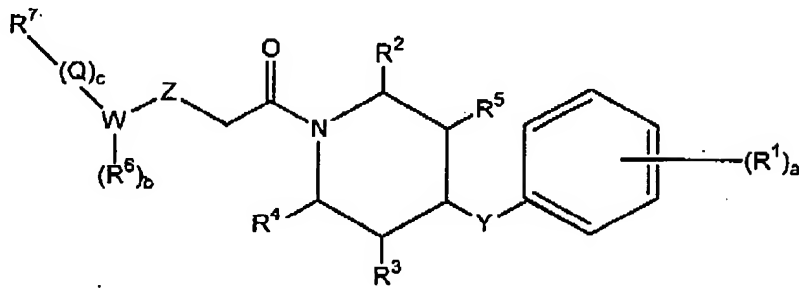
Claim Listing:

1. (Previously Presented) A compound of the formula



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or pharmaceutically acceptable salts, tautomers, and pro-drugs thereof; wherein

a is 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

b is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

c is 0 or 1;

Q is (C_1-C_6)alkyl;

W is phenyl;

Y is oxygen, or NR^8 wherein R^8 is hydrogen or (C_1-C_6)alkyl;

Z is oxygen or NR^9, where R^9 is (C_1-C_6)alkyl, or acetyl;

each R^1 is independently selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen, halo, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, (C_1-C_6)alkyl, hydroxy, (C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonyloxy, and (C_1-C_6)alkoxy;

R^2, R^3, R^4 and R^5 are each independently hydrogen or (C_1-C_6)alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halo groups;

each R^6 is independently selected from a list consisting of: hydrogen, halo, (C_1-C_6)alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halo groups; cyano, (C_1-C_6)alkoxy, aminocarbonyl, carboxy, (C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonyl, or (C_1-C_6)alkoxy optionally substituted by 1 to 3 halo groups; and

R^7 is selected from a list consisting of hydrogen, halo, (C_1-C_6)alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halo groups, [(C_1-C_6)alkyl]$_2$amino(C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl, amino(C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl, (C_1-C_6)alkylamino(C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl cyano, (C_1-C_6)alkoxy, aminocarbonyl, (C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl, [(C_1-C_6)alkyl]$_2$aminocarbonyl, (C_1-

C_6)alkylsulfonylamino, (C_1-C_6)alkylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, ureido, aminosulfonyl, [(C_1-C_6)alkyl]$_2$aminosulfonyl, (C_1-C_6)alkylaminosulfonyl, [(C_1-C_6)alkyl]$_2$aminocarbonyl(C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl, (C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl(C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl, aminocarbonyl(C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl, (C_1-C_6)alkylsulfonylamino, hydroxy(C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonylamino, ureido(C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl, [(C_1-C_6)alkyl]$_2$ureido(C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl, (C_1-C_6)alkylureido(C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl, (C_2-C_9)heteroarylaminocarbonyl, carboxy, (C_1-C_6)alkoxy(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_2-C_9)heterocyclecarbonyl, (C_2-C_9)heterocyclecarbonyl, hydroxy(C_2-C_9)heterocyclecarbonyl, aminocarbonyl(C_2-C_9)heterocyclecarbonyl, carboxy(C_2-C_9)heterocyclecarbonyl, amino(C_2-C_9)heteroaryl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, (C_1-C_6)alkylamino(C_2-C_9)heteroaryl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, [(C_1-C_6)alkyl]$_2$amino(C_2-C_9)heteroaryl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, (C_2-C_9)heteroarylamino(C_1-C_6)alkyl, (C_2-C_9)heteroarylaminocarbonyl(C_1-C_6)alkoxy, (C_1-C_6)alkylsulfonylaminocarbonyl(C_1-C_6)alkoxy, aminocarbonyl(C_1-C_6)alkoxy, carboxy(C_1-C_6)alkoxy, aminosulfonyl, (C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonylaminosulfonyl, hydroxy(C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonylaminosulfonyl, (C_1-C_6)alkoxycarbonylaminosulfonyl, (C_1-C_6)alkoxy(C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonylaminosulfonyl, hydroxysulfonyl, hydroxy, hydroxy(C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl, carboxy(C_2-C_9)heterocycloxy or [carboxy][amino](C_1-C_6)alkoxy, aminocarbonyl(C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonylamino, (C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl(C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonylamino, [(C_1-C_6)alkyl]$_2$aminocarbonyl(C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonylamino, amino(C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonylamino, (C_1-C_6)alkylamino(C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonylamino, [(C_1-C_6)alkyl]$_2$amino(C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonylamino, ureido(C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonylamino, (C_1-C_6)alkylureido(C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonylamino, [(C_1-C_6)alkyl]$_2$ureido(C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonylamino, amino(C_1-C_6)alkylsulfonylamino, amino(C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonylaminosulfonyl, (C_1-C_6)alkylamino(C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonylaminosulfonyl, [(C_1-C_6)alkyl]$_2$amino(C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonylaminosulfonyl, aminosulfonylamino, (C_1-C_6)alkylaminosulfonylamino, [(C_1-C_6)alkyl]$_2$aminosulfonylamino, (C_2-C_9)heterocycloxy, (C_2-C_9)heteroaryloxy, (C_2-C_9)heterocycleamino, (C_2-C_9)heteroarylamino, amino(C_1-C_6)alkoxy, (C_1-C_6)alkylamino(C_1-C_6)alkoxy, [(C_1-C_6)alkyl]$_2$amino(C_1-C_6)alkoxy, amino(C_1-C_6)alkylamino, (C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonylamino(C_1-C_6)alkylamino, ureido(C_1-C_6)alkylamino, hydroxy(C_1-C_6)alkylamino, (C_1-C_6)alkoxy(C_1-C_6)alkylamino, and (C_1-C_6)alkylsulfonylamino(C_1-C_6)alkylamino;

with the proviso that at least one of R^2, R^3, R^4, and R^5 is (C_1-C_6)alkyl.

2. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^1 is halo; a is 1 or 2; Y is oxygen; Z is oxygen; W is phenyl; b is 0, 1 or 2 and R^6 is selected from a list consisting of halo, (C_1-C_6)alkyl, cyano, and (C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonyl.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein c is 0, and R^7 is selected from a list consisting of (C_1-C_6)alkylsulfonylamino, (C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, aminocarbonyl(C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl, (C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl, hydroxy(C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonylamino, aminocarbonylamino, carboxy(C_2-C_9)heterocycloalkoxy, carboxy(C_2-C_9)heteroarylcarbonyl, ureido(C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl, $[(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}]_2$amino$(C_1-C_6)$alkylaminocarbonyl, (C_1-C_6)alkylsulfonylaminocarbonyl(C_1-C_6)alkoxy, aminocarbonyl(C_1-C_6)alkoxy, and carboxy(C_1-C_6)alkoxy.

5. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein c is 1, and R^7 is selected from a list consisting of (C_1-C_6)alkylsulfonylaminocarbonyl(C_1-C_6)alkoxy, (C_2-C_9)heteroarylaminocarbonyl(C_1-C_6)alkoxy, and (C_1-C_6)alkylsulfonylaminocarbonyl.

6. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^2 and R^3 are both methyl groups and R^4 and R^5 are both hydrogen.

7. (Original) A compound according to claim 2, wherein R^2 and R^3 are methyl; R^4 and R^5 are hydrogen; R^2 and R^3 are trans; Y and R^3 are trans; W is phenyl; c is 0; and R^7 is selected from the group consisting of: (C_1-C_6)alkylsulfonylamino, (C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, aminocarbonyl(C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl, (C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl, hydroxy(C_1-C_6)alkylcarbonylamino, aminocarbonylamino, carboxy(C_2-C_9)heterocycloalkoxy, carboxy(C_2-C_9)heteroarylcarbonyl, ureido(C_1-C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl, $[(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}]_2$amino$(C_1-C_6)$alkylaminocarbonyl, (C_1-C_6)alkylsulfonylaminocarbonyl(C_1-C_6)alkoxy, aminocarbonyl(C_1-C_6)alkoxy, and carboxy(C_1-C_6)alkoxy.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) A compound according to claim 2, wherein R^2 and R^3 are methyl; R^4 and R^5 are hydrogen; R^2 and R^3 are trans; Y and R^3 are trans; W is phenyl; c is 1; and R^7 is selected from the group consisting of: $(C_1$-$C_6)$alkylsulfonylaminocarbonyl$(C_1$-$C_6)$alkoxy, $(C_2$-$C_9)$heteroarylaminocarbonyl$(C_1$-$C_6)$alkoxy, and $(C_1$-$C_6)$alkylsulfonylaminocarbonyl.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) A compound selected from the group consisting of:

2-(4-Chloro-phenoxy)-1-(4-phenoxy-piperidin-1-yl)-ethanone;

2-(4-Chloro-phenoxy)-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-piperidin-1-yl]-ethanone;

5-Chloro-2-{2-[4-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethoxy}-benzamide;

(5-Chloro-2-{2-[4-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethoxy}-phenyl)-urea;

5-Chloro-2-{(2,4-*cis*)-(2,5-*trans*)-2-[4-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-2,5-dimethyl-piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethoxy}-benzamide;

(2,4-*cis*)-(2,5-*trans*)-5-Chloro-2-{2-[4-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-2,5-dimethyl-piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethoxy}-phenyl)-acetic acid;

N-[(5-Chloro-2-{(2,4-*cis*)-(2,5-*trans*)-2-[4-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-2,5-dimethyl-piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethoxy}-phenyl)-acetyl]-methanesulfonamide;

2-(5-Chloro-2-{2-[(2,4-*cis*)-(2,5-*trans*)-4-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-2,5-dimethyl-piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethoxy}-phenyl)-acetamide;

(5-Chloro-2-{2-[4-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethoxy}-phenyl)-acetic acid;

N-[(5-Chloro-2-{2-[4-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethoxy}-phenyl)-acetyl]-methanesulfonamide; and

5-Chloro-2-{2-[(2,4-*cis*)-(2,5-*trans*)-4-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-2,5-dimethyl-piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethoxy}-benzamide.

Claims 12-13 (Cancelled)

Claims 14-15 (Cancelled)

16. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts, tautomers, and pro-drugs thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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